



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special Concurrent City Council, HRA and Planning Commission Worksession

March 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sandahl at 6:00 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Pat Elliott; Sue Sandahl; and Edwina Garcia.

Council Members Absent: Tom Fitzhenry.

HRA Members Present: Sue Sandahl, Chair; Doris Rubenstein; Mary Supple; Debbie Goettel and David Gepner (arrived 6:30).

Planning Commission Members Present: Rick Jabs, Chair; Daniel Kitzenberger; Susan Rosenberg; and Charles Standfuss.

Planning Commission Members Absent: Josh Root; Gordon Vizecky; and Tom Rublein.

Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager/Executive Director; John Stark, Community Development Director; Karen Barton, Assistant Community Development Director; and Theresa Schyma, Deputy City Clerk.

Item #1

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE SENIOR HOUSING DEMAND ASSESSMENT (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 31/HRA MEMO NO. 14)

Community Development Director Stark introduced the presenter and explained that there is a correction to Council Memo No. 31/HRA Memo No. 14 in that there are currently eight memory care units in Richfield.

Mary Bujold, Maxfield Research, Inc., presented the Senior Housing Demand Assessment.

Ms. Bujold stated that there is an unmet demand for rental independent living units, assisted living units and memory care units. Furthermore, the assessment concludes that there is a substantial unmet demand for affordable senior housing. However, she also cautioned that developing affordable senior housing is extremely challenging due to high costs and limited funding sources.

Community Development Director Stark stated that during the past several years, developers have continued to express an interest in building senior housing developments in Richfield. This study was conducted to help give direction to interested developers on what Richfield's vision is regarding future housing developments.

Ms. Bujold identified that diversity in housing stock is good for a community.

After considerable discussion, HRA Chair Sandahl stated the worksession needed to conclude due to the start of the Regular HRA Meeting at 7 p.m. Based on the discussion tonight and the meeting next month of the Richfield Housing Visioning Task Force, staff will make recommendations as to the next steps on the assessment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:59 p.m.

Date Approved: April 8, 2014.

Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Theresa Schyma
Deputy City Clerk

Steven L. Devich
City Manager



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special City Council Closed Executive Session

March 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Closed Executive Session was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 7:30 p.m. in the Babcock Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Pat Elliott, Sue Sandahl; Edwina Garcia; and Tom Fitzhenry.

Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Todd Sandell, Public Safety Director; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager; Jay Henthorne, Deputy Public Safety Director; and Mary Tietjen, City Attorney.

Others Present: Julie Fleming-Wolfe, attorney.

Item #1	DISCUSSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION ENTITLED: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GREG PETERSON V. THE RICHFIELD POLICE AND FIRE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, ET AL. COURT OF APPEALS NO. A13-2337 AND;• GREG PETERSON, SOUPHANNY DEAN, BRIAN ROGGE, MICHAEL SIEVE, JEFF HATZENBELLER V. CITY OF RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA HENNEPIN COUNTY COURT FILE NO. 27-CV-13-20359
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The Closed Executive Session was convened pursuant to M.S. 13D.05, subd. 3(b).

ADJOURNMENT

The Closed Executive Session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:01 p.m.

Date Approved: April 8, 2014

Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Pam Dmytrenko
Assistant City Manager

Steven L. Devich
City Manager